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Portsmouth, Jan. 18.

ON Tuesday last sailed from hence the Squadron of *Dutch* Men of War under the command of the Sieur *Allemonde*, which put in here, for that the Frost hindered their entrance into their own Ports, which are now open again through the Thaw.

Warsaw, Jan. 1. We expect their Majesties in this City about the middle of this month, when the Dyet will be assembled here; the two great Points of which they will Treat of, will be, concerning the Peace with the *Ottomans*, which must be ratified by them, and the raising monies for the paying of the Army. There be those that would fain persuade themselves that some difficulty will arise in the first Point, that is, that the Dyet will not ratifie the said Peace, because, as they pretend, it is too disadvantageous to this Crown, which yields by it *Caminiec*, and a large Territory thereunto belonging to the *Turks*; but when we remember with what a general joy and satisfaction the News of the conclusion of the said Peace was received the whole Kingdom over, there is little ground to doubt, but that the Dyet will as chearfully ratifie it, and even return his Majesty thanks, as for the great dangers and fatigues he exposed his Person to, so for his having restored Peace to this Kingdom, at a time when it stood so much in need of it.

Copenhagen Jan. 9. On Thursday last four Companies of new raised men were sent over to *Landscroon*, to strengthen the Garison there, though we have no great apprehension that the Enemy will make any attempt upon that place during the present season. The same day our King, accompanied with his Brother Prince *George*, went to *Cronenburg*, to be so much nearer for the giving the necessary Orders relating to the affairs in *Schonen*. The Besieged in the Castle of *Helsingburg* make hitherto a good defence, but they begin it seems to be in some want of fresh water, wherefore our King has resolved to attempt their relief, for which end a great number of small Boats have been provided, and we are assured that in a day or two this design will be executed. The Sieur *Tromp* purposes to part hence in few days for *Holland*, as well to look after some particular concerns, as to sollicit the Equipage of a Squadron of Men of War for the *Baltick*. We have advice that Count *Magnus de la Gardie* is fallen with a great Body of *Swedes* into *Norway*, and that he hath very much ruined the Countrey.

Ditto. Jan. 12. Our preparations for the relief of the Castle of *Helsingburg* were it seems too late, for yesterday about three in the afternoon the Castle was surrendred, and the *Swedes* took possession thereof; the Garison consisted in 700 men, but what Conditions they made for themselves we cannot yet learn, notwithstanding the King sent this morning a Trumpet over to know, whom the *Swedes* returned with a civil answer, but without any satisfaction as to the message he was sent upon: the general belief is, that the said Garison are made Prisoners of War; had they held out one or two dayes longer, an attempt would have been made for their relief, but we believe they were necessitated to the said Surrender through want of fresh Water, which we had some dayes before heard begun to fail.

Hamburgh, Jan. 19. To morrow the Duke of *Luneburg Zell* is expected at *Staden*, when the Conferences will be renewed concerning the partition of the Conquests in *Bremen*. Levies are making in all these parts for the service of the King of *Denmark* and we are told that Commissions have in all been given out for the raising of 12 new Regiments.

Strasburgh, Jan. 15. The *French* let us see they are now in good earnest resolved to quit *Haguenaw* for they have already demolished the new Fortifications which have cost many thousand Crowns, and now they are going to do the like to the old Walls; and that the *Imperialists* may not make any use of the said place, they have resolved likewise to demolish the Town-house, and several other principal houses, which might otherwise serve them for Magazines. We are told that *Deuxponts* and *Saverne* are likewise to be slighted, the Most Christian King not intending to have any Army in *Alsace* this next Campagne.

Cologne, Jan. 15. The Duke of *Newburg* is expected about the end of this month at *Duseldorp*; and it is said that the Treaty of Marriage between his eldest Son, and the Emperors Sister, is as good as concluded. From *Lintz* they write, that their Imperial Majesties intended to part thence the 9th instant, on their return to *Vienna*. From *Spire* they tell us, that the Duke of *Lorrain* had changed the Garison of *Philipsburgh*.

Nimeguen, Jan. 23. We are now in hopes to see the preliminary Point, concerning the form of Powers for the several Ambassadors, speedily adjusted to the satisfaction of all. Here is arrived his Excellency my Lord Ambassador *Hide*, who, returning from his employment in *Poland*, received a Command from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, to repair hither with the Character of His Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, to assist the other Ambassadors, his Colleagues, in the mediating a General Peace, though it is said his Excellency will continue here for a certain time only.

Amsterdam, Jan. 25. The Admiralty of this place hath received Letters from the Commander *Jacob Binches*, written at the Island of *Tobago* the 17 of *September* last past, in which he gives an account, that after the taking of *Cajana*, and the executing his design at *Espagnola*, he was come with the Men of War under his command to *Tobago*, and had possessed himself of that Island, which he had found in a very good condition; that he was about raising a Fort there; that the ships under the command of the Sieur *Rood*, who sailed out of the *Texel* the 25 of *May* laden with Ammunition, Provisions, and other Necessaries, were likewise arrived there. There are also Letters from the Sieur *Spranger*, Governor of *Cajana*, advising of the good condition of that Colony, and that he daily employed fifty Negroes to raise several Fortifications necessary for the defence of the Colony.

Hague, Jan. 22. The Sieur *Blaspyl*, Ambassador and Plenipotentiary of the Elector of *Brandenburgh* for